

**Representative Jacob L. Anderegg** proposes the following substitute bill:

**GRANTS FOR DIGITAL TEXTBOOKS**

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Jacob L. Anderegg**

Senate Sponsor: Howard A. Stephenson

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill provides funding for school districts and charter schools to facilitate the adoption of digital textbooks.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ provides for grants to school districts and charter schools for:
  - the purchase of digital textbooks, personal mobile devices, and desktop or laptop computers;
  - professional development for educators; and
  - peripherals and networking equipment;
- ▶ requires the State Board of Education to report on the use of the grants to facilitate the adoption of digital textbooks; and
- ▶ repeals provisions related to grants for digital textbooks on July 1, 2024.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

This bill appropriates:

- ▶ to the State Board of Education - Utah State Office of Education - Initiative Programs, as an ongoing appropriation:
  - from the Education Fund, \$1,000,000.



26 **Other Special Clauses:**

27 This bill provides an effective date.

28 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

29 AMENDS:

30 **63I-2-253**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapters 173 and 434

31 ENACTS:

32 **53A-1-710**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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34 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

35 Section 1. Section **53A-1-710** is enacted to read:

36 **53A-1-710. Grants for digital textbooks.**

37 (1) As used in this section "hardware" means:

38 (a) personal mobile devices; and

39 (b) desktop or laptop computers.

40 (2) (a) The State Board of Education shall award grants to a school district or charter  
41 school to facilitate the adoption of digital textbooks.

42 (b) A school district or charter school that receives a grant under Subsection (2)(a) may  
43 use the grant for:

44 (i) digital textbooks;

45 (ii) hardware;

46 (iii) professional development for educators related to the use of the technology  
47 described in Subsections (2)(b)(i) and (ii); or

48 (iv) peripherals or networking equipment, including a wireless network.

49 (3) (a) The State Board of Education shall solicit proposals from school districts and  
50 charter schools for the use of the grant to facilitate the adoption of digital textbooks.

51 (b) In awarding a grant under Subsection (2), the State Board of Education shall  
52 consider the applicant's capacity to use the grant to serve the greatest number of students  
53 possible.

54 (4) The State Board of Education may not award a grant under Subsection (2) that  
55 exceeds \$500 per student for the purchase of digital textbooks and hardware.

56 (5) (a) The State Board of Education shall report annually to the Public Education

57 Appropriations Subcommittee on the following:

58 (i) the subject area of the classes that converted to digital textbooks;

59 (ii) the cost per student for the conversion to digital textbooks; and

60 (iii) student and teacher satisfaction with digital textbooks.

61 (b) Upon request of the State Board of Education, a school district or charter school

62 that receives a grant under Subsection (2) shall provide to the State Board of Education

63 information that is necessary for the report required in Subsection (5)(a).

64 Section 2. Section **63I-2-253** is amended to read:

65 **63I-2-253. Repeal dates -- Titles 53, 53A, and 53B.**

66 (1) Section **53A-1-402.7** is repealed July 1, 2014.

67 (2) Section **53A-1-403.5** is repealed July 1, 2017.

68 (3) Section **53A-1-411** is repealed July 1, 2016.

69 [~~(4) Section **53A-1-412** is repealed July 1, 2013.~~]

70 [~~(5)~~] (4) Section **53A-1a-513.5** is repealed July 1, 2017.

71 (5) Section **53A-1-710** is repealed July 1, 2024.

72 (6) Title 53A, Chapter 1a, Part 10, UPSTART, is repealed July 1, 2014.

73 (7) Title 53A, Chapter 8a, Part 8, Peer Assistance and Review Pilot Program, is  
74 repealed July 1, 2017.

75 [~~(8) Subsection **53A-13-110(4)** is repealed July 1, 2013.~~]

76 [~~(9)~~] (8) Section **53A-17a-169** is repealed July 1, 2016.

77 Section 3. **Appropriation.**

78 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, for  
79 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, the following sums of money

80 are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated, or reduced from amounts

81 previously appropriated, out of the funds or accounts indicated. These sums of money are in

82 addition to any amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2015.

83 To State Board of Education - Utah State Office of Education - Initiative Programs

84 From Education Fund

\$1,000,000

85 Schedule of Programs:

86 Contracts and Grants

\$1,000,000

87 The Legislature intends that:

88           (1) \$500,000 of the appropriation under this section is to be used to purchase the digital  
89 textbooks and hardware described in Subsections 53A-1-710(2)(b)(i) and (ii);

90           (2) \$500,000 of the appropriation under this section is to be used for the professional  
91 development described in Subsection 53A-1-710(2)(b)(iii) or to purchase peripherals or  
92 networking equipment described in Subsection 53A-1-710(2)(b)(iv); and

93           (3) the appropriation under this section is:

94           (a) ongoing, subject to availability of funds; and

95           (b) non-lapsing.

96           Section 4. **Effective date.**

97           (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), this bill takes effect on May 13, 2014.

98           (2) Uncodified Section 3, Appropriation, takes effect on July 1, 2014.